



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 714**

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**Chairperson:** Patrick J. Bourne  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** February 24, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 714 would address expenses incurred by governmental agencies associated with medical services provided to inmates. This bill would also enact the Prisoner Reimbursement to the County Act to address expenses incurred by counties for prisoners confined to county jails.

First, LB 714 would allow governmental agencies (jails and correctional facilities) to pay for medical services provided to inmates at the rate paid pursuant to the medical assistance program established under sections 68-1018 to 68-1025.

Second, counties may assess co-payments for medical services provided *only* to those inmates who are *not* indigent, whose medical services were *not* provided during the intake process, or who did *not* receive emergency treatment for injuries suffered during the course of apprehension or arrest.

Third, LB 714 in Sections 7 to 16, creates the Prisoner Reimbursement to the County Act. This act would allow counties to seek reimbursement for the confinement of prisoners in relation to their *ability to pay*.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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